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VS. THE NATIONAL TOURIST ORGANIZATION OF GREECE (NTOG)

REF: (A) ATHENS OM AUGUST 9, 1973 TO COMMERCE; (B) STATE A-10171,
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1. FOLLOWING CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DURING APRIL 12-14 VISIT TO ATHENS, ECON COUNSELOR AGAIN RAISED SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENT NTOG DIMITRIADIS. DIMITRIADIS REPLIED OFF THE RECORD THAT DESPITE HIS GOODWILL IN TRYING RESOLVE ISSUES BTWEEN NTOG AND NILES, NTOG AS GREEK GOVERNMENT AGENCY CANNOT, AS A MATTER OF CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY, ALLOCATE FUNDS OUT OF ITS BUDGET TO PAY FOR PORTION OF CONTRACT NOT MET BY U.S. FIRM. DIMITRIADIS PLANS SUBMIT HIS REPORT ON THIS CASE TO GOG MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION AND REPLY TO GREEK AMBASSADOR IN U.S. PANAYOTACOS WHO HAS ALSO RECENTLY INQUIRED ABOUT CASE.
2. IF NILES AND NTOG UNABLE FINALLY TO REACH INFORMAL AGREEMENT ON PAYMENT, THE DISPUTE BECOMES A LEGAL ISSUE. IF AT THIS POINT FRED NILES WISHES OBTAIN SERVICES OF LOCAL ATTORNEY, DEPT MAY WISH PROVIDE HIM WITH NAMES OF LOCAL ATTORNEYS FROM LAWYERS LIST TASCA

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